



Grüss Gott

Stuttgart Officer and Civilian Spouses Club

October 2002 Newsletter



Grüss Gott To All,

There is a nip in the air, the grapes are in, the fest beer is ready, it must be fall in Germany. What a gorgeous time of year and what a great time to get out and about. There are many "Fests" happening right now, with the biggest of all the Oktoberfest in Munich. Volksmarches abound and it truly is the best time of year to participate in those. If nothing else, just get out for a drive to see the beautiful German countryside. I guarantee that you will not be disappointed.

It is also time for the annual Pfennig Bazaar. This event is organized by the German American Women's Club and strongly supported by the OCSC through our participation in the Great American Bake Sale, and through our volunteering at the Bazaar itself. This is a great way to give to our local German Friends and we get so much back in return. So fire up those ovens ladies and start baking and if you have a few spare hours to give, go on down and help at the Pfennig Bazaar. You never know what recycled treasures you might find for yourself.

Our Board year is well under way and I hope we have something to offer everyone. I would also like to urge each of you to let us know if there is something we could do better or if you have ideas you would like to see put into action. We are YOUR board and work for you the members. I would especially like to thank Becky Davis, Alisa Armstead and Cordelia Williams for their GREAT efforts in putting together the Welcome function last month. I think it was fabulous.

In closing, I would like to share this piece with you and I hope it has as much meaning for you as it did for me.

Tchuss,
Donni
President Stuttgart OCSC

I've learned that no matter what happens, or how bad it seems
today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow.

I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way
he/she handles these three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights.

I've learned that regardless of your relationship with your
parents, you'll miss them when they're gone from your life.

I've learned that making a "living" is not the same thing as
making a "life."

I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance.

I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's
mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw some things back.

I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart,
I usually make the right decision.

I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one.

I've learned that every day you should reach out and touch
someone.

People love a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back.

I've learned that I still have a lot to learn.

I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will
forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made
them feel.



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Thrift Shop Liason:	Mary Ellen Lyon



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6th ASG Advisor:	Iris Stubblefield

Thank you for a VERY successful Sign up Coffee! Although I once again DID NOT win a raffle, proof that some things never change, I had a wonderful time meeting new people and seeing old friends again. A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Julie Ryan and Michelle Parsons from the Thrift shop for showing us what they have to offer, Sherri Funk from the OCSC bazaar, PTSA, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, GAWC, Gussy Goose, Quilter's Guild, Patch Ski Club, MOPS, PWOC, Stuttgart Singers, AWAG, Red Cross, ACS, and the Wellness Center for setting up tables for us to see what's available in the community.

A change this year will be that we have a WEBSITE! The front cover of the web page will change each month to reveal the following month's program. Check it out! The site can be found at <http://www.geocities.com/stuttgartocsc> **From there, click on the 6th ASG site and follow the links to AGENCIES to read our latest newsletter.**

Hope to see you at our Harmony luncheon in October!
Becky Davis
3rd VP

TRAVEL TIPS:

Presently the Terra Cotta Army, the 8th Wonder of the World, is touring Germany! It is in Frankfurt until the 6th of October and then will be moving to Munchen the 26th of October and will be staying until the 8th of December. Please go to <http://www.terrakottaarmee.de/> In Frankfurt it is at the Palmengarten.

To get there, follow A5 up to exit 19 and get off at A648 and then follow the signs to the Palmengarten. In Munchen it will be at the Olympic park. This was a wonderful day trip and was VERY interesting!

To translate websites into English go to <http://babelfish.altavista.com/>



American Women's Activities, Germany
AWAG...to train, strengthen, and connect volunteers,
their organizations, and their communities.

You are cordially invited to a day of
motivational and educational information at the
2002 AWAG
Schwaben Area Conference
Thursday, November 21, 2002
Swabian Special Events Center
Patch Barracks

For more details contact your
AWAG Schwaben
Area Representative
Donna Riehl
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Welcome to the Stuttgart OCSC! This is my third year in this wonderful organization. I have met many friends through serving as a Board member and will always be grateful that there are so many energetic people willing to volunteer their time to help their community.

We have a fantastic Thrift Shop. We invite you to stop in and say "Hello" to our volunteer staff and our Manager, Julie Ryan. Our Thrift Shop profits are donated to the OCSC Welfare fund. D'Lynn Phelps does a terrific job coordinating and communicating the requests for funds, needed by many organizations that make Stuttgart a great place to be.

Our monthly OCSC functions offer a Ways and Means table filled with beautiful items to purchase. Patty Jones and Deann Reff really know how to shop!!

And last, but not least, every March the OCSC presents our mega Spring Bazaar with over 60 international vendors as our major fundraiser for the year. Our Bazaar chairperson, Sherri Funk, is on a "mission" to bring us all the best Europe has to offer.

Thank you all for joining our fun and dedicated group. We are happy to have you and ask that you never hesitate to call one of the Board members if you would like to volunteer in any capacity!

Have fun at Oktoberfest!!!

Bonnie Collins

2nd Vice President

THRIFT SHOP NEWS:

Welcome to the Patch Thrift Shop!

The Thrift Shop has many new items, come in and check us out! Consigning is a great way to make money and room for upcoming holiday gifts! We especially need household items, and volunteers are always appreciated. We are open Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and for consigning until 1:00 p.m. The Thrift Shop will also be open the following Saturdays: October 5, November 2, and December 7. It will be closed Monday, 14 October. We are located in the lower level of Washington Center. Hope to see you soon!

Mary Ellen Lyon

PFENNIG BAZAAR:

The Pfennig Bazaar in Stuttgart is the largest flea market in this area. It is sponsored by the German/American Women's Club (GAWC). It started more than 30 years ago. This years Pfennig Bazaar dates are October 7 – 11. The Pfennig Bazaar offers numerous opportunities: to provide a means of much needed support for your community, to develop new and lasting friendships, to demonstrate that we are both good neighbors and full partners with our German host, and to shop for wonderful bargains at give away prices!



Welfare Requests

The following disbursements were approved by the OCSC Governing Board for the month of September:

1. 24- Hour Marathon
2. Patch High School Yearbook
3. Hispanic Heritage Committee





Pfennig Bazaar Great American Bake Sale!

It's time....Pfennig Bazaar 2002
is just around the corner!

Every year we ask our community to help support the Pfennig Bazaar in a most delightful way by supporting the Great American Bake Sale.

On **Wednesday, Oct. 10** at the Haus Der Wirtschaft in downtown Stuttgart, we will sell delicious American baked goods to our patrons of the Pfennig Bazaar. This is all part of a wonderful fund raiser that provides much needed funding and support for a variety of programs in our military community. It's one of the favored highlights of the bazaar.

How does this work?

- ?? We need our military community to provide baked goods from some of their favorite recipes: cookies, brownies, breads, muffins and cakes.
- ?? For details and drop points contact Alisa Armstead at 0711-120-8418, or Cordelia Williams 0711-674-0738, email: GreatAmericanBakeSale@Hotmail.com
- ?? The Great American Bake Sale is sponsored by the OCSC.

Thanks for your support!

Baked goods should be individually wrapped by serving sizes in zip lock bags or with cling wrap to preserve freshness. Cakes can be sold whole or by the slice. Please use disposable dishes for your donations.

Please label your baked goods to provide our volunteers the ability to describe each item to our customers. Our patrons are unaccustomed to artificially colored foods, please avoid using color food dyes. We will provide drop-off points for the baked goods.

The German ladies will have their bake sale on **Thursday, Oct. 11**. The Pfennig Bazaar is sponsored by the German/American Womens' Club. Buses will be provided for shoppers to and from the bazaar. Thank you for signing up for the Great American Bake Sale, with all your help and support it will be a wonderful success. For information about the Pfennig Bazaar contact **Iris Stubble field at 0711-719-4094 or email Istubb3373@aol.com or Cordelia Williams at 0711-674-0738 or email GreatAmericanBakeSale@Hotmail.com.**





Pfennig Bazaar Great American Bake Sale! Tuesday, Oct 8th – Drop Off Points

For Patch Barracks:

TIME	LOCATION	POC	Rm
7:15am – 2:00pm	Patch High School	Mr. Manuel	(Rm 427)
7:45am – 9:00am	Patch Elem. School	(TBA)	(TBA)
12:45pm – 2:00pm	Patch Elem. School	(TBA)	(TBA)
10:00pm - 4:00pm	ACS – (Washington Sq)	Front Office	Lobby
	** Pam Rassmussen	Florida Str #81	
	** Liz McKenrick	Texas Str 2407,C1	

For Kelly Barracks:

** Iris Stubblefield Vesta Str #85

For Panzer Barracks:

7:45am – 9:00am	Panzer Elem. School	(TBA)	(TBA)
12:45pm – 2:00pm	Panzer Elem. School	(TBA)	(TBA)
	** Sherri Funk Bldg. 3114-A4		
	** Panzer Gym – 09:00am – 2:30		

For Robinson Barracks:

7:45am – 9:00am	Robinson Elem. School	(TBA)	(TBA)
12:45pm – 2:00pm	Robinson Elem. School	(TBA)	(TBA)
	** ((TBA) - Housing Area Needed)		

* TBA = TO BE ANNOUNCED





Welcome to OCSC!

It was great to see so many new and familiar faces at our September function!

As members of OCSC, we are very important to one another. In light of that,

we would like to remember each other on important occasions. If you know of anyone who is ill, injured, had a death in the family, recently given birth, or experienced any other momentous or sad occasion, please let me know so that I can send a card. Please call me at 0711-674-0770 or email me at

rydellm@aol.com.

Valerie Rydell
Hospitality Chair

OCTOBER LUNCHEON PROGRAM:

Join us in saying
farewell to
Mary Ann Fulford and
Barbara Petrosky
at this months
luncheon.



OCTOBER LUNCHEON

Menu:

German Buffet: Pork Schnitzel, Cheese Noodles, Maultaschen, Green Beans with Bacon, Wild Potatoes, and Salad.

The cost will be \$11.00 per person

October 15, 2002

10:30 AM

Swabian Special Events Center



OCSC ON-LINE RESERVATION POLICY

OCSC luncheons are held on the third Tuesday of each month except for a few special events which will be appropriately announced. Reservations must be made for all OCSC functions. There may be other events where reservations are necessary. A reminder will be in the monthly issue of the "Grüss Gott" OCSC newsletter.

Guests are welcome to attend and are eligible for door prizes and chance drawings, however, International Bingo is for OCSC members only. Infant pre-crawlers are welcome at all OCSC Luncheons.

RESERVATION/CANCELLATION: A committee has been appointed to take reservations. Reservations must be made by Tuesday preceding the event. Thank you in advance for your thoughtfulness by calling only between 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Should you need to cancel your reservation; you must do so before 3:00 p.m. on the Thursday prior to the event. **Unless your reservation is cancelled by e-mail or phone before 3:00 p.m. on the Thursday prior to the event, you, the OCSC member, will be responsible for paying the full cost of the event.** If the cost is not paid, the member will not be allowed to attend the Bingo event and loss of membership privileges will be enforced until payment is made in full.

To Make Reservations Call or E-mail:

Londa Gemeinhardt 0711-1208461

gemeinhard@aol.com

or

Kelly Roth 0711-6204862



Permanent Reservation Policy:

Permanent Reservations can be made at any OCSC function. To put your name on the permanent reservation list you must pay **\$12** towards your **last** luncheon up front. If you aren't able to attend a luncheon, you must cancel prior to the deadline. If you don't cancel, an email message or phone call will be sent to remind you to pay for your lunch. If you don't send payment for your lunch that you missed prior to that month's reservation deadline, your prepayment will be applied towards your lunch and your permanent reservations will be canceled. If the lunch that you miss is less than \$12 the difference will be considered a donation to the club. This new policy is to help you, the member keep from having to pay for multiple missed lunches!



SPECIAL INTEREST CLUBS:

Scrapbooking, Book Club, Mah Jong, and Bunko special interest groups have formed. Therese DeSanto (07157 620488) is doing the next scrapbooking. Sherri Funk (07031-418-625) is the leader for Mah Jong. Yawlie Chapin is the bunko leader and the Book Club has met with the first meeting organized by Laurie Menzel.(0711 440 8424) If you're interested in joining any of these groups please contact the leaders. If you're interested in starting a new group just STEP RIGHT UP!

I t's not too late to join the book club. Our next meeting is October 21st and we are going to read "A Year in Provence" by Peter Mayle before that meeting. If you have any questions please contact Laurie Mensel at 0711.440.8424 or



TRIPS & TOURS

OCSC is offering a Poland - Seiffen Trip in October
\$125/person for members, \$135/person non - members.

This is a 3 day/2 night trip. Shop all day on Friday in Poland and much of Saturday in Seiffen

We currently have space available if you are interested. \$75 deposit required
Deadline for sign-up and payment is October 7th. Please call me for details and questions.

Therese DeSanto
OCSC Trips/Tours
07157-620488



SALZBURG CHRISTMAS MARKET & SOUND OF MUSIC TOUR
December 7, 2002

The departure time is approximately 0330 on December 7th
with an early morning return on the 8th.
Cost is \$40 per person

ULM CHRISTMAS MARKET
December 12, 2002

Cost \$20 per person

LUDWIGSBURG CHRISTMAS MARKET & RESIDENCE SCHLOSS TOUR
December 19, 2002

Tour with an English-speaking guide.
Cost \$25 per person

Contact Therese DeSanto for further information:

07157-620488 or shootcraps@aol.com